

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Thousands Planning To Attend Assembly

SHOULD CHRISTIANS TITHE?

Text.—And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. And concerning the tithes of the land, or the flood, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. Lev. 27:30-32.

W. W. Harmon
No doubt, I could have found a more popular theme than this for most of people today; but I could not find one more practical in your day and mine.

There is not anything very attractive in this subject for most people, and especially those who are robbing God. The attitude of most people toward this subject reminds me of a story read one time of how a slave holder in Missouri many years ago heard that one of his colored men was doing some preaching on the plantation. He said to him one day, "Pompey, I hear you are a great preacher." "Yes, Massa, de Lord do help me powerfully sometimes." "Well, don't you think that some of the negroes are stealing some things on the plantation?" "I'se mighty afraid they do Massa." "Then, Pompey, I want you to preach a sermon to them on the ten commandments and bear down especially on the stealing." The colored man hung his head in silence for a few minutes and then replied, "You see Massa dat would never do 'cause 'would throw such a coldness over the meeting.' So we find it today, with a great many people. This subject seems to chill the ardor of many who can on other occasions shout, "amen" and praise the Lord with great power, but this is because they have not yet learned one of the greatest privileges of the Christian life. Too many seem to get the idea that to be a Christian is to have certain feelings of emotionalism. Forgetting that these things are but flowers and that real fruit bearing must follow. Faith is good, without it we can't be saved. True faith always results in works of righteousness, and other profession is false. James 2:17. Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead being alone. My confidence is limited in the faith that just says, Lord, Lord and never does anything. We are not saved by our works alone, but where there is saving faith there will be an outward manifestation of works. Gal. 5:6. For in Jesus Christ, neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith which worketh by love. Now one of the ways which faith worketh by love is in honoring God with our substance. It may be that some have never thought of it before, but God places the sin of covetousness right in the same place with the sins of adultery, fornication, drunkenness, stealing and other acts of immorality. 1 Cor. 6:9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived neither fornicators nor idolators nor effeminate nor abusers of themselves with mankind nor thieves nor covetous nor drunkards nor revilers nor extortioners shall inherit the Kingdom of God. The covetous man is no more saved than the drunkard or any of the others. I feel that we preachers have been negligent in our duty along this line and that the time has come for us to preach the truth in season and out of season and the people of any

other profession is a mere sham. The tithe is the Lord's. Every Christian should tithe his income, because it is His will concerning us. Our text says, All the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord.

Here we find that God claims without question or condition, one tenth of our income, but we can hear some in defense of their negligence saying at once, Oh, that belongs to the dispensation of the law and has nothing to do with us in this dispensation of grace. Now let us see if this principle of tithing belongs to the law of Moses. Turn to the 14th chapter of Genesis. There we find an account of Abram or Abraham as he was afterwards called, paying tithes to Melchizedek, a priest of the Most High God. Now we find this to be something like seven hundred years before the law was given at Mt. Sinai. Why do we find this man paying to this priest of the Lord the tithe of all the spoil taken in battle? Why not a sixth or an eighth or a twelfth, or some other proportion? Then again about five hundred years after this and about five hundred years before the law was given. Mind you, we see Jacob fleeing from his brother, Esau. We find him spending a night alone in the mountains. He took a stone for a pillow and laid down to sleep. While sleeping, he had a dream or vision. He saw a ladder extending from earth to heaven and the angel going and coming on the ladder. He awoke the next morning saying, This is none other than the house of God and I know it not. Then he made a covenant with the Lord. Gen. 28:20-22. If God will be with me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on so that I come a-

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Report of Western Dist. Convention

Held in Kansas City, Mo., July 15th to 18th.

The Churches of God of the Western District of Missouri met with the Kansas City church at Kansas City, Missouri, beginning July 15th and lasting over Sunday July 18th. E. C. Clark, State Overseer, presiding.

As wife took her place at the piano and the music was wafted out on the air, the sweetness and presence of God filled the place and hearts of the people, which lasted throughout the entire Convention, after a few words of greeting and welcome by the Pastor and a good fiery testimony service, Brother E. C. Clark brought us the message from Acts 17:30, which was truly evangelistic, after which several came to the altar seeking for more of God.

Friday night July 16th our District Overseer Brother W. E. Collins brought us a wonderful message on the subject of the new birth which was much enjoyed, and full of power and truth of God's Word on this subject.

Saturday night July 17th nearly all of the Churches had delegates present and after enjoying a good testimony service, Brother Barker of St. Joseph, Missouri brought us the message from 2d Cor. 13:5. "Examine your selves whether ye be in the faith or not." This subject was made to bear heavily on the minds of the listeners, and inviting them to draw nigh unto God.

Sunday July 18th after Sunday School which was fully interesting, we received from our

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AMOS IS BURDENED ABOUT THE COURT

PESSIMISM VS OPTIMISM

F. J. Lee

Oh Brother Amos have you heard the latest news? "I don't know, perhaps I haven't." Well I will tell you, a mob on yesterday about ten o'clock in the forenoon took Brother Paul away from the temple, and I never seen such an uproar in all my life. It became so serious that the officials took charge of the affair. The chief captain with his soldiers protected him from the mob. Yet the chief captain suspicioned that Paul was that notorious Egyptian robber who with his band of four thousand men had terrified the country. So the chief captain was going to give him a trial.

Paul while on his way to the castle worked a strategy on them, he took advantage of his ability in speaking languages and stirred the multitude, turning many to sympathize with himself.

On the next day he was taken before the council and he pleaded his own case as he always does, he being an able speaker and knowing the law, did not need to hire a lawyer for doubtless there was not a better lawyer in the whole country than he.

You don't tell me Brother Luke, that Brother Paul contended in the court, it looks to me it would have been more Christlike for him to have opened not his mouth, you remember the Lord opened not His mouth, when on trial.

Yes Brother Amos he contended on several different occasions, he even called the high priest a whitewashed wall, he became very eloquent and on the strength of his speech the council became confused and began to wrangle, then the chief captain came with his men and delivered Paul lest they would pull him in pieces.

The next day the court was to proceed with its investigation but forty Jews banded themselves together that they would eat nor sleep no more till they had killed him.

Well Brother Luke, did this disturb Brother Paul? I feel sure that if he had given his case entirely in God's hand, and paid no attention to the rumor that they were going to kill him, God would have kept him out of court.

Yes Brother Amos it affected him and he applied to the chief captain at once, then the chief captain prepared to move his case to another court even to the jurisdiction of the governor. They spirited him away after night, they took every precaution to evade the mob. They sent with him two hundred soldiers, seventy cavalrymen, and two hundred spear-men. The chief captain wrote the governor something like this: "Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting.

This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them, then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman and when I would have known the cause whereof they accused him, I brought him forth into their council, whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds, And

fear the entire church will suffer.

Well my dear Brother Amos I am sorry you are so pessimistic about this, I would be glad to have you remember that Paul is specially chosen of God, and God is directing him in all his affairs. If God hadn't wanted him to appeal to the chief captain he wouldn't have done so, then after his case had been in court over two years, if God had not intended that he should appeal his case to the national supreme court he would not have done so. It is true that you are not the only one that has become burdened, thinking that Paul made a great mistake, but I feel sure that God directed him at every move, so let us look up.

I am sure that if Paul has been kept in court for five years, God will get glory out of it some where, and I am not going to censure poor old Paul for appealing to the chief captain and the lower courts, neither shall I censure him for not going back to Jerusalem to get a new trial but appealed to the national supreme court. I don't think that Paul is any the less religious by doing so and I think God is still smiling on him, he can preach the same as before, and the Lord blesses him in healing.

The law is for the lawless and the officers of the law are God's ministers, so I am determined to not give away to the pessimistic spirit and condemn ourselves for that which our conscience says is right.

Let us look up for I am confident that God is with His true people and will continue to bless though temporary reverses may appear occasionally. But if God is with us who can be against us.

Amen.

MY HEALER AND KEEPER

LORENZA, Tex.—I want to sound a note of praise for my Redeemer this beautiful morning away out upon the plains of West Texas, for I know that my Redeemer liveth for I know I have found Him in every way that He has promised to be my Saviour, my keeper and my healer.

How I praise Him that I saw my condition before Him one night. And I saw in His holy Word that if we ever expect to see Jesus we must get His blood upon our soul. I cried unto Him and He heard my cry and rolled away the burden of sin: gave me joy and sweet peace in my soul and dear ones I know I have salvation for I feel it in my soul right now.

I am thanking God that the Gentiles had the blessed privilege of receiving the wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost and people may say it has been done away with, but friends they have just come too late to deceive me for I know I've got it. Hallelujah.

We don't only want to serve God on Sunday and go to some place that you couldn't take Jesus during the week, but you'll have a desire to serve Him every day. Though trials may come to try us, He is faithful that promised.

I want more of God's love in my soul each day for Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one for another."

Having therefore brethren boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. By a new and living way which He hath consecrated for us through the vail that is to say His flesh. And having a High Priest over

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A Wonderful Country
Lovely People And A Glorious Time

Ohio State Convention Enjoyable Feature of Orphanage Worker's Tour.

Nannie Ruth Hagewood. Having finished our work in Kentucky the latter part of June we crossed the great Ohio River at Louisville; leaving Ky., as we pulled out from one bank and landing in Indiana on the other side. We only went across the corner of Indiana but did not visit any Churches there, we no doubt will be able to do some time in the future.

We were so delighted with the level country and straight roads, after being in the mountains so long that we found it hard to keep from making fifty and fifty-five miles an hour. In fact we didn't try much. Of course we soon landed in "Old" Cincinnati, Ohio tired and with a very bad sick headache. The saints were called in and we found God just the same in Ohio as elsewhere.

The pastor Brother Huff took us to Sister Ingram's who had prepared a room for us. She seemed to try to do her best to make us welcome and I'm sure she will not lose her reward. I shall be as brief as possible concerning each place, but I must say we found the little Church progressing nicely. Every one seemed to be in harmony and on the "firing line." Oh, we enjoyed the good services there so much. The sisters seemed encouraged to do more for the orphans, said they realized they had been diligent and were glad to get started out. We met with them Mon. organized a sewing club and appointed a local committee which I believe will render valuable service in the future. Getting started means "everything." If we would only "get started" many times, we would accomplish so much more for the Lord. Procrastination is the thief of time. We need a religious awakening on many lines in this Twentieth Century.

As we drove into Ohio we saw the beautiful roses blooming in such profusion, the broad extended fields of grain on either side; first a large tract of wheat turning golden yellow, next a large field of oats a light green, then by the side of this acres and acres of dark rich green corn, then here and there a lovely, level meadow dotted with the finest of cattle, sheep and hogs. I was filled with ecstasy and remarked to Sister Haworth, "Oh I love the north." Then I remembered how we loved the other states we had visited and this poem came to me:

Oh, I love the North
I love the South,
I love the East
I love the West,
Tis hard to tell
Which I love best.

"Truly Ohio is a wonderful country." It has an area of 41,040 square miles, about one fourth larger than the New England States without Maine; has eighty-eight counties. The distance east and west is almost equal to the distance north and south; east and west measuring 215 miles, north and south 210 miles. It is thickly settled and has a continental climate, which is modified in the north by Lake Erie. Ohio is comparatively level and is excellent farming land. The fertile soil, warm summers, and the ample rainfall combined with modern farming methods gives Ohio fourth rank among the States in the value of its agricultural products. Corn is the most valuable crop. (Continued on page 3.)

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If you wish to do so, send a postal card telling.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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A backslidden preacher made a fish sick, a backslidden church makes God sick. Both vomited.

Saul was the Lord's anointed all right, but he became God's rejected.

Some men think that they are God's special favored while they live, but some are damned above the ground.

Some men boast of what they know, but what they don't know would make the largest book.

Some folks boast of the influence that they have; yet it is not near as much as they haven't.

Some church members have warm handclasps religiously until you want "money" then it is rather cold.

One fellow said, "Some fellows that had been pushed out to the front had made God sick at His stomach and He had vomited them up."

Some church members who once had Spiritual demonstration then ceased, but they say they have become established. In some localities it is called backsliding.

Some men are famous for knowing how everything should be done, but somehow they never get much done.

Never criticize the methods of a fisherman unless you can string more fish than he can.

Some men are straight talkers, but crooked livers.

Some churches are a little warmer than an ice house.

You can't always judge what some folks mean by what they say.

Since the Court of Appeals had decided that the Headquarters property is held in common by all local churches, now they are interested to know if the selfish ambitions of one man can prevent its serving the benefit of all the local churches. Some one said that the Federal Court could tell inasmuch as the local churches are scattered over many states and foreign countries.

Thousands of our people refuse to contribute their funds, whether tithes or offerings in a manner that our opposers might come in possession of in the event that they should finally succeed with their plans, therefore special arrangements have been made for the benefit of those who are thus minded. This feature is left solely to the voluntary action of our friends and supporters. Our General Secretary is still on the job, ready to serve any and all contributors who do not have any scruples along this line. These special arrangements are made only for the benefit of those who desire their contributions to go for the benefit of the organization as represented by us, regardless of the outcome of the litigation.

Multplied thousands are standing firm, refusing to surrender the principles for which

they stand at the first apparent defeat, but are courageously looking forward to a day of victory when the Church, the purchase of the blood of the Son of God, shall rise above mere human leadership and unconditionally acknowledge and truly worship Jesus Christ as her Divine Head. Oh, that every knee should humbly bow and reverently acknowledge Him as "All in All."

Well, it has been rumored for something like thirty days that our opposers would take immediate possession, but somehow we are still here doing business for God and the church, still we have a very pleasant, friendly feeling in our soul, knowing that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

Constitutional Question

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Thousands of people hold dear to their hearts the name "Church of God". It being a Scriptural and universal name. They hold it as a part of their religion. They are of the firm belief that all people everywhere who have this conscientious scruple should enjoy the peacable use of this sacred name.

They are also convinced that they have a constitutional. They are advised that the Federal Court has jurisdiction over constitutional questions.

"The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals shall be appellate only and shall extend to all civil cases except those involving constitutional questions." Chapter 100, in section 10, page 239 Public Acts of Tennessee, 1925.

WORK PROSPERING AT TOWNSEND

TOWNSEND, Tenn.—Townsend is on fire for the Lord, and I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel for the way the Lord has been pouring out His blessings on us at this place. We have just closed a three weeks meeting and the Lord has blessed seemingly both saint and sinner. Brother and Sister Lindsey of Florida have been with us during this meeting and I am sure the Lord has been pleased with them as well as we. We feel sure that God's hand is upon them. Sister Lindsey did most of the preaching and the Word was given out with great power and sinners were made to quake and tremble by the influence of the Word and power of the Holy Ghost. The house was filled to its capacity nearly every meeting. Many have been made to see the light and believe in holiness that have been fighting the way heretofore. Jesus said, And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me.

I thank the Lord that there are some folks at Townsend that are really holding Jesus up by living the life. We closed the meeting with several still seeking the blessing. There have been five saved, five sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church and eight baptized in water. At the close of the meeting we had an all day meeting and dinner on the ground and had a great feast from the Lord's table also. Our State Overseer, Brother McLain was with us, also Brother Stooksberry and family of Knoxville and a few saints of other Assemblies was present and we all shouted and praised the Lord and had a good time together. Brother McLain gave the message before noon on "The Supper" and it seemed that everybody enjoyed it and was edified by it. After the morning service was over dinner was spread and after God's blessings had been pronounced, we feasted again. I am sure that this is a day that will not soon be forgotten at this place. There was a large number of people here and everybody had plenty to eat and there was plenty left. Several of the Alcoa saints were with us and we were surely glad to have them.

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Orphanage Report

JULY 19 to JULY 31.

S. S. class no. 5, Logan, W. Va., 2 dresses; Jacksonville, Fla., 33 prs. of shoes and slippers, name blotted out.

Irene A. Ross, Youngstown, O., 1 dress; 2 under slips, 1 pr. socks; Blanche E. Rose, Youngstown, O., 1 dress 1 pr. socks, 2 full suits of underwear.

Mrs. Elzera Dockery, Townsend, Tenn., 6 dresses, 8 panties, 3 underwaists, 1 pr. shoes, 1 hat.

A. J. Hawk, Cleveland, Tenn., 20 bushels of peaches.

J. W. Green, Cleveland, Tenn., 6 watermelons.

SIKESTON, Mo. the following: Ruby Banks, 2 dresses, Mrs. N. L. Tenimore, 1 boy's waist, 2 pr. pants, 1 pr. panties, Orwell Archer, 1 pr. pants, Mrs. Ben Hahn, 3 dresses, 1 pr. overalls, 1 waist, 1 pr. bloomers, Gladys Archer, 1 waist, Cecil Banks, 1 bar soap, Mattie Brooks, 1 pr. pants, Rachel Combs, 2 qts. blackberries, 4 flour sacks, Bertha Rodgers, 4 dresses, 1 slip, Jewell Bilderback, 1 apron, Mrs. Japs Constant, bunch braid, 3 spools thread, 1 bar soap, 2 paper pins, 4 yds. lawn, 3 yds. percale; Sudie Bilderback, 1 quilt top; E. E. Silton, 2 cans tomatoes; Beulah Rogers, 3 spools thread, 3 1/2 yds. goods, 1 slip, 1 middy blouse, 1 bar soap; Elsie Archer, 1 dress; Marion Fry 1pr. shoes; Mrs. J. W. Brown, 2 1/2 yds. goods; Effie Fry, 1 pr. shoes; Lucy Banks, 1 pr. panties, 1 bar soap.

SEWING CLUB, Cincinnati, Ohio, solicited by Bessie Willis, 30 dresses, 1 pr. slippers, 5 underskirts, 3 pr. bloomers, 3 shirts, 2 middies, 1 sweater, 1 boy's cap, 2 boy's coats, 3 girl's coats.

CASH REPORT

Archers Fork, Ohio, \$70; church, Bristol, Ga., \$4.60; Mary Pierce, Ravinia, Okla., \$0.30; church, Largo, Fla., \$10.

A Wonderful Country Lovely People And A Glorious Time

(Continued from page 1) more than one fifth of the farm land is devoted to its cultivation. Then there are potatoes, tobacco, orchards and vineyards. I wondered if some of these orchards were not the fruits of Apple Seed Johnny's faithful labors. Nearly one fifth of Ohio is pasture land, hence the fine live stock. The mineral resources are: coal, petroleum, and natural gas; clay for brick, tile, terracotta, sandstone, cement, materials, abrasives, grindstones etc. It also ranks fourth as a manufacturing state, is the leading rubber manufacturing state; Akron being the rubber manufacturing center. Of course there are other miscellaneous industries, what more could be said to make it a better country? Words would fail me. It seems to me there could be only one better country, that would be the "heavenly" spoken of in Hebrews 11:16. (The New Jerusalem), where the air is salubrious or healthful and unimpregnated with pollution and the resplendent rays of divine holiness spread through the land. Of course this will be more beautiful for no plague spot of sin will be in its borders. The handiwork of God here is wonderful, yes beautiful but sin mars all its borders.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not, Gal. 6:9. Looking on the beautiful fields of grain nodding and swaying to and fro by the breeze, with only a small amount already harvested and stacked brought to our minds the harvest of the Lord which truly is ripe unto harvest. How little comparatively has been gathered in, while fields and fields are swaying, burdened down with sin, heart sick and weary, anxious to hear of the sweet relief in Jesus. We have heard expressions like this: "That's just what I've been wanting for months," deliverance from tormenting fears and vexatious spirits; joy in the spirit and light in the soul. Then with the language of the apostle Paul we would admonish those engaged in service for God, "Be not weary in well doing."

"We shall reap." The apostle finds his figure of speech not in the market but in the field. Our Christian work does not find its analogies in buying and selling, in swift and deft trans-

actions, but in the leisurely and mysterious process of the field: "We shall reap." Our work is not that of mechanics but of farmers, and if our work is like the farmer we are in league with most mighty and mysterious forces? Were it not for this very fact and the never failing promises of God, many of us would become weary and no doubt faint as the toilsome, homeward journey we pursue. However we are looking for a city which hath a foundation whose builder and maker is God. Therefore we cannot afford to think of giving away to weariness of the flesh. "Well doing" requires toil and human nature is fond of ease. No doubt the shade is very inviting to the poor farmer as he toils in the sunshine, but he is looking forward to the harvest time and thinks of the bountiful harvest which he shall reap. Here he is on a patch of rough, hard, ungracious soil; soil that is threaded with adverse biases and steely prejudices and unfriendly customs. What shall we do while the harvest tarries? "Be not weary."

Because the soil is reluctant and ungracious, do not let your ministry be premature and rude. Statistics have turned many a faithful sower into a premature reaper. How many have been added to the Church etc?

There are other workers on the field who are becoming weary because of the relaxing chill of constant ingratitude. They work and work and witness no expression or sign of gratitude or appreciation. Despite all this and many other things we are not to "be weary." What is man? The joy of the Lord is our strength. It takes persistency to win. A loyal Salvation Army Captain explaining the motive power of that unique division of militant Christianity declared that the supreme essential in fighting the devil is to never let up.

Now if our work is like farming we shall often be working in the dark. How much of the process of agriculture is hidden behind the veil. Anyone can see the corn field but who can tell just when the seed is germinating? Or even further back before it gives even a sign of germinating who can tell when the seed receives its first thrill of awakening and resurrecting life? How much goes on in the dark! Anyone can count converts but who can register spiritual germination? Who can tell of the first faint pulse which showed the souls awakening? A whole corn field may be at

the birth when not a single green thing relieves the bareness of the fields. Great harvest may have begun at the very time when we are trudging home, with weary feet and weeping eyes, bemoaning our long and fruitless day—but "let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

We reluctantly left Cincinnati for South Lebanon, and found they had failed to receive our mail, notifying them of our intended visit; so we just said, "Howdy and Good-bye" and made our way to Hamilton. Having Brother York's address we at last found the home but found no one at home, so we didn't know what to do; it being late we had a hard time finding the church. However we found them engaged in service and spent a few days with them, enjoying the hospitality of Brother and Sister Abner. On the last night we enjoyed a downpour of the Holy Ghost. The presence of the Lord was wonderful. We left sixteen in the altar crying out to God, several seemed to get blessed. Hamilton is a ripe field.

From here we went to Middletown which seemed to be our middle ground. It being about the middle of our journey, middle of our length of time to stay, and something near the middle of the state. We found Brother Goins and family and Sister Pickett engaged in a battle against sin. My! we sure enjoyed the good sermons and Sister Pickett's music and singing. Then on Monday night Brother and Sister Haynes made their appearance on the scene and we began to feel like Assembley time was drawing near. It seems so good here to see our Brother and Sisters come together, I'm made to wonder what it will be like on that great day when they come from the east and west, from the lands afar, and are gathered into the great banqueting house under the banner of love. Oh, it will be glorious indeed. Praise the Lord.

On Wednesday night, July 7, the Convention began. Thursday morning Brother Lee made his appearance on the scene with four of the orphan children from Cleveland. These children were taken to the home two years ago from Middletown. They seemed to enjoy their visit and the people were glad to see them. We were so glad to see someone from home. Vivian and I could hardly wait for Bro. Lee to get there, it seemed almost like seeing our own father.

Well the tide rose higher and higher, till Saturday night it seemed we had a cloud burst—such shouting and rejoicing. Then it was we could in reality sing, "Firing Line." Sister Vivian Haworth assisted greatly with the music. We also had some stringed instruments and cornets.

We enjoyed several good messages from Brother Lee, as well as others. Then Sunday afternoon was devoted to the orphanage work. We had a short program from the four orphan children, and Sister Ginnell's little girl, short talks and offerings.

On Sunday night everyone seemed loath to leave. Goodbyes and God-bless yous were spoken and the delegates dispersed. So closed the Ohio State Convention—but I assure you such an enjoyable feature as this shall not soon be forgotten by us. "We had a glorious time."

On Monday following we got the children ready, saw them and Brother Lee board the train, bound for Cleveland. We organized a sewing club from which we look for good results.

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process it comes out so soft and pliable, can easily be bent or shaped in any way. Whereas, before it went through the fire it was hard and unrelenting: then it is put in barrels of acid to clean it. Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which is to try you. 1 Pet. 4:12. After the process mentioned above it is put on spindles, whirled around and around, squeaking all the while, (how often we complain or make a fuss when God is trying to refine us) unbound, drawn through a large basin of hot liquid which tins or galvanizes it, then it shines. It takes 700 millimeters of heat to tin the wire, but 1400 to galvanize it, however the galvanized wire is much better. So I wondered if it could be that we have a great many tinned Christians who have had only a small degree of the fire and acid test. Probably this is the reason they can't stand hardness as a good soldier. Oh! we need more of the galvanized kind.

Then too, the wire is large to start with, some as large as spikes, but it is run through five different dyes, each one a little smaller than the other, which shaves it down a little at a time until it comes out as fine as the finest thread. The most heat is required for the finest wire. Let us go on unto perfection. Heb. 6:1.

We saw so much that was thrown aside and wasted. On asking what the reason was, we were told it wouldn't stand the test and was (marred in the hands of the maker); would not bend etc. Then I thought what a waste, and one would wonder how it could be a profitable occupation after so much expense and waste. I looked back over spiritual occupation and find it is the same. It is sad to see so many laid aside. "We shall reap if we faint not."

Leaving Fostoria we arrived in due time at Findley and were cordially entertained at Brother Hackenberger's although a short stay we can say it was a very pleasant one. We had the privilege of visiting the camp meeting of the Assemblies of God, and seeing Brother Thos. B. Hardin again, evangelist of the Harrell party. I enjoyed the service at the church and hated to leave but Walbridge was calling, so we moved on and found "the faithful few" there and they believe in showing their faith by their works. They as well as Toledo showed much interest in the sewing club. We consider both of these almost as one as they are so close together. We can say we consider Brother Edwards lucky to have a help mate instead of a help-me-eat, such as dear little Sister Edwards, to leave in charge of one church while he goes to the other. We learned to love every one and can say as well as being a wonderful country Ohio has "lovely" people. We shall not soon forget them. We will say in conclusion; dearly beloved of the Lord, prove true, stand fast, be not weary in well doing, and the reaping will be graciously abundant and absolutely certain. The reward is for service in this present life. "Behold I come quickly and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12. "And when the chief shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." 1 Pet. 5:4.

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A few miles further on they found his note books and camera. He had given up hope of winning fame by recording his (progress) in the actual hard struggle of the ascent. Still higher he had thrown off the gay robe and plumed cap. He had encountered heavy storms and reached the top of the mountain exhausted — panting for breath at the risk of his life—but he reached it. Clothes, food and the comments of the people below did not come unto his thoughts. He had reached the summit.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despised the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

"Know ye not that they who run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? so run, that you may obtain." "Be not weary." Shoe in a little more fuel and make every grade and curve we find. Hallelujah!

MY HEALER AND KEEPER

(Continued from page 1) the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering for He is faithful that promised, Heb. 10:19-23. The storms may blow and the waves get boisterous but unless we abide in the ship we can not be saved. Act. 27:31.

Jesus is the head of this army and thank God the battle will soon be over and our victories won. We can lay our warfare weapons down and take our golden harps and sing and crown our Christ as a conquering king. Praise His name forever.

These are evil times, deceit is working. How it grieves my heart to see poor souls hungry for God's truth led away from His Word blindfolded. Paul says, Let no man deceive you by any means. 2 Thes. 2:3. It pays to search God's Word for more of His blessings.

Pray for my husband and that I may be a light here on the plains, there are no hills here; but we want to be a light or as a candle on hill giving light to a city. There are no Church of God people out here and we are deprived of being in meeting often, but we are two young folk that love Jesus and want to see more people love Him. What a happy thought to know that if we endure to the end, we'll see Jesus.—Your Brother and Sister in Christ, Walter and Thelma Rampy.

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dear Brother T. F. Blackwell a stirring message on the subject "God looking for a man,"

which was ably handled and made each one to see the needs of deeper spirituality, and being a more efficient worker in the cause of the Lord.

Again at 2:30 p. m. Sunday July 18th we met together listening to the good and interesting reports of the Churches and work in general, the work showing a good healthy spirit in general, also two new churches being reported, also one man volunteered to give \$25.00 on a tent for the State of Missouri and we expect to have one in the State soon, at this service also several of the ministers expressed their high appreciation of Brother Clark who had stood by the Churches in love and sacrifice, expressing their confidence for greater things in the State of Missouri for another year, as a result of better workings in the Churches prevailing. At this service Brother W. E. Collins and Wilmer Artis were "Ordained" as Bishops for which we thank God for adding to the state two more bishops.

Sunday night at 8:00 p. m. we were again assembled with a full house and after songs and prayers which were enjoyed by all, we again received from Bro. W. E. Collins a stirring Evangelistic Message from the subject "God using an axe" Matt. 3:10, after which several came to the altar, and later we all shook hands and departed with tears and good-byes, encouraged to do more for God, and His Church. We are glad also to state that Brother Collins and Brother Clark are to continue with us a few days for revival meetings. Pray for us.

Yours in Him.—Wilmer Artis.

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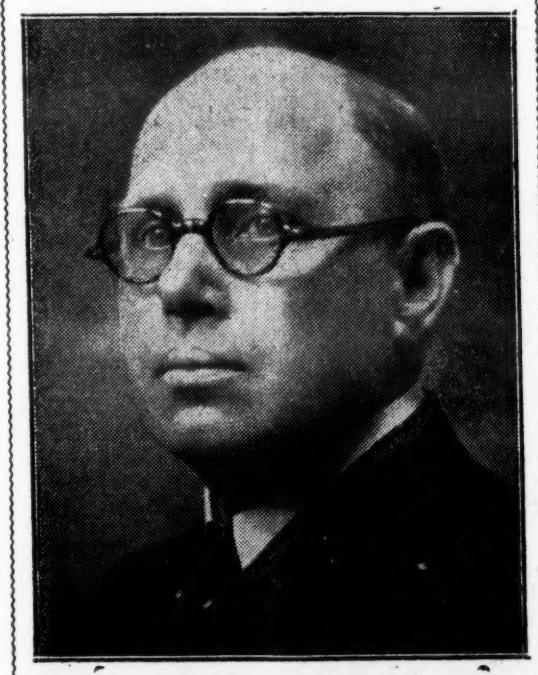
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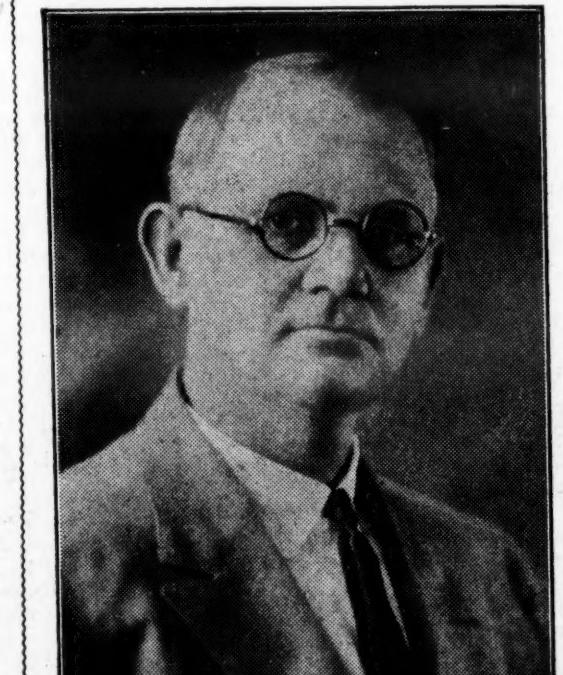
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